

October 4, 2021

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

It is my pleasure to recommend Samantha Elliott as a judicial candidate for the U.S. District Court for the District of New Hampshire. I have gotten to know Samantha over the years on both a professional and a personal basis and I cannot think of a more qualified individual for this position.

When I moved to New Hampshire in the early 1990s, one of my first professional roles was as the Executive Director of the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Women. One of the organization's goals was to advocate for greater representation for women in governmental positions. At that time, it was not commonplace for women to serve in state and federal judicial appointments. I appreciate President Biden's promise to diversify the face of the judiciary because that means more qualified women, like Samantha, will have a leadership role within the federal courts. More importantly young women, such as my two teenage daughters, will see themselves through these appointments which I hope underscores their understanding that they too can have these opportunities.

In my current role as Vice President of Advocacy at New Futures, an organization that is committed to the health and wellness of all New Hampshire residents, I am in awe of Samantha's commitment to make her community a better place. In addition to her leadership role at Gallagher, Callahan & Gartrell, P.C, Samantha is a founding board member of 603 Legal Aid, which provides pro bono legal services to low-income residents. She has also served in various roles with the New Hampshire Legal Assistance and Legal Advice and Referral Center, an outstanding organization that provides legal resources to individuals facing domestic violence, eviction, and other challenges.

I am honored to know Samantha Elliott as a colleague and a friend, and I believe her passion, integrity, and incredible work ethic will serve the Granite State well.

Feel free to contact me at 603-340-0246, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Frey
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